

MINUTES

CONTINUATION COMMITTEE OF THE NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING ON MINISTRY AND COUNSEL

The Committee met at Friends Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on 4/XI/1961, at 3 ~~xxx~~ in the afternoon. Mabel G. Bailey was in the chair. The meeting began with a few moments of silent reflection.

The roll of representatives to the Continuation Committee was read; those present have been indicated thus (*):

Dover Quarterly Meeting - David Curtis and Rolfe Richardson *;
 Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting - Mary Bakke and Helen Griffith *;
 Falmouth Quarterly Meeting - Robert M. White * and Ira M. Wine *;
 Northwest Quarterly Meeting - Kenneth Webb, Richard Naeye, and George Little * (ex officio as recording clerk of YMM&C);
 Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting - Caleb Smith * and Ruth D. B. White *;
 Salem Quarterly Meeting - Edna Haviland * and Marian Kelsey *;
 Sandwich Quarterly Meeting - Gladys Gifford * and Philip Miller *;
 Smithfield Quarterly Meeting - Melita Fisher *;
 Vasselboro Quarterly Meeting - George Cates and Robert Owen.

Leona Stevens (later)

Minutes of the last meeting of the Continuation Committee, on 22/II/1961, and of the New England Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, on 20/VI/1961, were read. The minutes of the 20/VI/1961 meeting were improved by striking the words "... a proposed ..." from before a reference to the affiliation of the Pleasant Street Meeting in Worcester.

A report from the Worship Committee of Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel was received. Although later decisions by the Arrangements Committee may require some revision in the plans, the report as submitted met with the full approval of the Continuation Committee. The essence of the report dealt with two matters: the first being that of an invitation to Douglas ~~Steele~~ (alternatively, Milton Hadley) to give a prepared address at the service on Yearly Meeting Sunday in June 1962 which would be set within a pattern of free worship, silent or spoken. The second matter was a recommendation to the Arrangements Committee that the custom of holding morning worship sessions throughout Yearly Meeting be continued, but that they be scheduled from 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. Each of five gatherings is to have a member of the Continuation Committee and a Young Friend sitting at the head. To accomplish this, the following members are appointed to meet with the worship groups (or to find a substitute): Mary Bakke, Kenneth Webb, Ruth White, Gladys Gifford, and George Little. A suggestion that each group be given a name or theme was entertained and those with specific ideas for such were asked to hand them to Moses Bailey for consideration by the Worship Committee.

The Committee discussed the matter of an affiliation or reconciliation for the Pleasant Street Meeting in Worcester. The following aspects were determined: that the Pleasant Street Meeting is "unprogrammed" while the Oxford Street Meeting is "programmed"; that various members of Pleasant Street Meeting have met with the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting but that no letter of request to join that Quarterly Meeting has been received; that the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting is reported to feel that the Pleasant Street Meeting should be accepted by them as a constituent monthly meeting only if the Smithfield Quarterly Meeting is unable. Feeling that the occasion is not yet ripe for action or recommendation, the Continuation Committee appointed the following Friends to meet, individually rather than as a formal committee, with both the Pleasant Street and the Oxford Street Meetings, ~~representatives~~ ~~representatives~~ and to report to a later meeting of the Committee: Mabel G. Bailey, Caleb A. Smith, Ruth and Edward White, and Theodore Paullin,

The Committee received the following note from the Central Advisory Committee:

Central Advisory Committee notes the desirability of regional conferences sponsored by the Continuation Committee, so-opting other committees as appropriate, for the purpose of stimulating local meeting groups, and exploring ways in which the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel may assist local Friends where possible.

We also see the possibility of jointly sponsored conferences on religious concerns, held under the auspices of the Continuation Committee and other organizations such as Beacon Hill Friends House and Wollman Hill.

Edna Haviland and Caleb Smith were selected as a committee to consider ways in which this suggestion might be implemented. The Committee suggested that one possibility for planning might be a training conference to prepare members of monthly meetings to conduct "Quaker Dialogues" in the pattern used by Rachel Davis-DuBois. The Committee was also asked to consider shorter range projects, such as a program of intervisitation, to assist local meetings on ministry and counsel in stimulating their meetings.

The Committee on Arrangements asked the Continuation Committee to accept the responsibility for selecting a speaker or other program for Tuesday evening of Yearly Meeting in the hope that it would be attractive and on the general subject of pacifism. The Committee on Arrangements had further suggested the following speakers for this purpose: Henry Hitt Crane, Edward Snyder, Albert Bigelow, David McReynolds, George Loft, and Earle Reynolds. The Continuation Committee agreed with this plan, but was uncertain as to later reported action by the Committee on Arrangements. Until there is coordination between the Committee on Arrangements and the Worship Committee in planning for Sunday morning worship during Yearly Meeting, the Continuation Committee will make no recommendations. It was the sense of the Committee that Douglas Stxeere might be asked to speak either at the Tuesday evening session or at the Sunday worship service.

An unfinished item on the agenda of the Committee is the selection of a topic for the meeting on Tuesday afternoon of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel in 1962.

The Committee adjourned at 5 o'clock to meet agin at the call of the Clerk.

Mabel G. Bailey, Clerk. YMM&C.
George T. Little
George T. Little, Recording Clerk, YMM&C

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CONTINUATION COMMITTEE OF THE NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING ON MINISTRY AND COUNSEL

The Committee met at Friends Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on fifth month, 12th, 1962, at 10:30 in the morning. Mabel G. Bailey was in the chair. The meeting began with a few moments of silent recollection.

The roll of representatives from Quarterly Meetings was called and the following Friends were noted as present: Ira Wine from Falmouth, Mary Bakke and Helen Griffith from Connecticut Valley, George Little from Northwest, Caleb Smith and Ruth White from Rhode Island, Marian Kelsey from Salem, Melita Fisher from Smithfield, and Louis Marsteller from the Yearly Meeting Office.

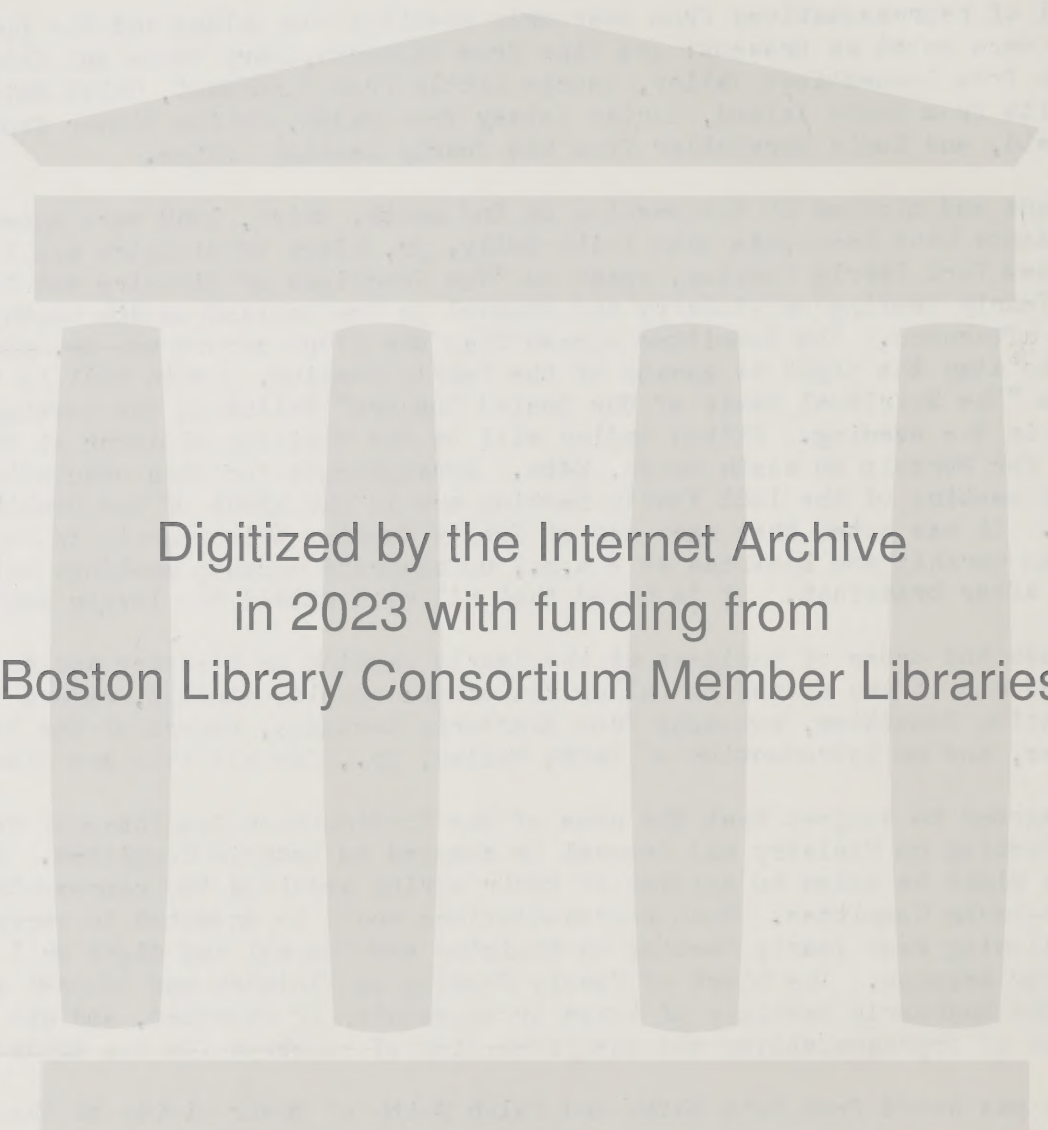
The agenda and minutes of the meeting on 2nd month, third, 1962 were noted. The arrangements have been made that Keith Smiley, jr, Clerk of Ministry and Counsel of the New York Yearly Meeting, speak on "The Functions of Ministry and Counsel" at the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel in New England on 8th month, 19th, in the afternoon. The Committee agreed that the Clerk should ask Mr. and Mrs. Smiley to stay the night as guests of the Yearly Meeting. Colin Bell is to speak on "The Spiritual Basis of Our Social Concern" following the Meeting for Worship in the evening. Milton Hadley will be the visiting minister at the Meeting for Worship on sixth month, 24th. Arrangements for this concluding firstday meeting of the 1962 Yearly Meeting are in the hands of the Committee on Worship. It was noted that each day of Yearly Meeting this year is to begin with a call to worship and business at 9 a.m., no separate worship meetings being planned after breakfast. It is hoped that all will attend the larger meeting.

The agenda and order of business at the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Council was discussed and it was agreed to follow the order: opening worship, report by the Continuation Committee, concerns from Quarterly Meetings, report of the Nominating Committee, and an introduction of Keith Smiley, jr., for his talk and discussion.

It was agreed to suggest that the name of the Continuation Committee of New England Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel be changed to Interim Committee. Quarterly Meetings might be asked to appoint at their spring sessions two representatives to the Interim Committee. Such representatives would be expected to serve for the year following each Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel and might well attend the larger session. The Clerk of Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel should notify the Quarterly Meetings of these arrangements, if accepted, and ask for the selection of representatives and the forwarding of concerns for the annual Meeting.

A report was heard from Ruth White and Caleb Smith of their visits to the Worcester, Massachusetts, Meetings of Friends. It was agreed that no recommendation to Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel is called for at this time. The Committee welcomes the news that Worcester Friends have formed an inter-group committee.

Caleb Smith reported on the three weekend workshops for training in the method of "Quaker Dialogues" with Rachel Davis-Dubois. This program is sponsored jointly by the Continuation Committee of Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel and Beacon Hill Friends House. About ten Friends attended all sessions of the workshop and several have thus been prepared to use the method effectively. The Committee hopes that during the coming years "Quaker Dialogues" will be used both by local meetings themselves and on occasions where a "Dialogue" might revive the spirit and attitude of inter-visitation through the use of leaders from other Meetings. A shorter version of the "Quaker Dialogue" is recommended for committee retreats. A subcommittee of Caleb Smith and Ruth White is to work with Beacon Hill Friends House in suggesting



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by letter to Monthly Meetings and to Clerks of Yearly Meeting committees that "Quaker Dialogues" are a continuing interest of Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel and that there is a possibility of scheduling local efforts during ninth month 1962 when Rachel Davis-Dubois is to be in New England.

The meeting concluded at 2:30 p.m. with a few moments of silence.

Submitted by

Marcel Q. Bailey, Clerk.

George T. Little

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Recording Clerk, N.E.Y.M.M. & C.

MINUTES

New England Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel

1. Ministry and Counsel of New England Yearly Meeting gathered for its annual session on the occasion of the three hundred and second Yearly Meeting of Friends in New England on the campus of Pembroke College in Providence, Rhode Island, at two o'clock in the afternoon of 19th day, 6th month, 1962. The Clerk, Mabel G. Bailey, read the opening minute: "Shall we have a period of silent worship, thinking about and praying for the world's need for unity in peace."
2. The Clerk explained the arrangements for worship and business during the 1962 Yearly Meeting sessions, reading a minute from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting dated 26th, 8th month, 1961, and expressing appreciation for the combination of a prepared sermon and the freedom of the meeting during the first day meeting of Yearly Meeting in 1961. Ministry and Counsel has approved that the Meeting for Worship on the final day of the 1962 sessions is to be planned so that our worship should be wholly united, with the ONE service in part free and in part programmed, thus closing the sessions with united worship.
3. The names of representatives to Ministry and Counsel from Quarterly Meetings were called, those present being marked with an asterisk in the minutes:
 - Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting:
 - Helen Griffith *
 - Barbara Johnson *
 - Katherine Locke *
 - Edward Manice *
 - Philip Towle *
 - Dover Quarterly Meeting:
 - (no list received)
 - Falmouth Quarterly Meeting:
 - Marian Cartland *
 - Hattie O. Cox *
 - Herbert Kimball *
 - Northwest Quarterly Meeting:
 - Nancy Booth
 - Susan Chambers *
 - Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting:
 - Anne Lowry
 - Mary V. Myers *
 - Thomas Perry *
 - Salem Quarterly Meeting:
 - Margaret Hoag *
 - Marian Kelsey *
 - Sandwich Quarterly Meeting:
 - Carl Ericksen *
 - Dorothy Acheson *
 - Frank Lepreau *
 - Smithfield Quarterly Meeting:
 - Lloyd Arnold *
 - Robert Cool *
 - Rutherford Everest *
 - Melita Fisher *
 - Willard Ware *

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting:

Eleanor Bailey *

Hazel Foster *

Grace Frost *

Helen Meader *

4. The Meeting recorded an expression of appreciation for the lives of Friends who have been active in previous sessions on Ministry and Counsel, with the suggestion that notes be sent to their families. Such Friends include: Myron L. Jenness, Gertrude F. Smith, Arthur L. Jones, Alice B. Farnham, and Alice Howland Macomber, ~~and Albert Smith.~~

5. Keith Smiley, jr., Clerk of New York Yearly Meeting's Ministry and Counsel, was introduced and spoke on "The Functions of Ministry and Counsel". Keith Smiley was able to illustrate some of his points with references to relatives who were co-principals of the Friends School in Providence a century ago. He observed that there is a widest conceivable area of purpose when it comes to ministering and counselling, but he suggested that the "primary function of Ministry and Counsel is to try to nurture the faith which provides both the strength to endure right action, and the God-willed direction for the action." He said, further, "Ministry and Counsel needs to deal in faith in the potential of every member of the Meeting to become... increasingly discovering seekers, worshippers taking their full place in the listening group." In the function of "non-directive lay counselling", a member of Ministry and Counsel may "sit down with a person and have what amounts to a two-person Meeting for Worship or Meeting for Business". He concluded that "the basic function of Ministry and Counsel is the constant search for ways to nurture the foundations for right action... and to aid in the process of self-discovery...."

6. The following report by the Continuation Committee was submitted to and received by the Meeting:

The Continuation Committee of New England Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at Cambridge, Massachusetts on 4th day, 11th month 1961, and on 12th day 5th month, 1962. A subcommittee, with some co-opted members, met on 3rd day 2nd month, 1962.

"Arrangements were completed for talks by Keith Smiley, jr. and Colin Bell to be given on the opening day of Yearly Meeting 1962. The plans of the Worship Committee for the full gathering of Yearly Meeting attenders for worship and business as the first order of each day and plans for the closing session as a Meeting for Worship to be both planned and free were reviewed and approved.

"A subcommittee, appointed to visit the Meetings of Friends in Worcester, Massachusetts, presented a report that no action is called for at this time. The Committee welcomed the information that the Worcester Friends have formed an inter-group committee.

"The Continuation Committee, jointly with Beacon Hill Friends House, has sponsored a program of training leaders for "Quaker Dialogues" and of promoting their use by Friends Meetings and Committees.

"The Continuation Committee suggests that its name be changed to Interim Committee of New England Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel. Quarterly Meetings might be asked to appoint at their spring session two representatives each to the Interim Committee. Such representatives would be expected to serve for the year following each Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel and

might well attend the larger session. The Clerk of Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel should notify the Quarterly Meetings of these arrangements, if accepted, and ask for the selection of representatives and the forwarding of concerns for the annual meeting. "

The Meeting agreed to the change in the name of the Continuation Committee, to become the Interim Committee with the same responsibilities and functions. The duties of the Clerk in this connection were also approved.

7. Minutes were received from Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel of 5th day 5th month, 1962, as follows:

"5. Ministry and Counsel has special responsibilities for the oversight and pastoral care of all members whether resident or living at a distance. Among the experiences shared were: ways of keeping in touch with non-residents and fostering their spiritual development, and, where-ever appropriate, encouraging their transfer to nearby Meetings. A friendly welcome without any connotation of pressure for attendance is usually well-received by non-resident members living near other Meetings.

"6. We are a religious society of friends, friends of Christ and, in His Light and Spirit, friends of each other and of all other persons. We are not an exclusive society of hermits. Are we adequately publishing the Truth in our day, in our environment, and to contemporary seekers? Our concern is with persons in the Light of those things which are eternal, not with statistical numbers.

"7. Members of Ministry and Counsel have important responsibilities for the nurturing of associate members to active membership. Children and young Friends have benefited from the Christian nurture of their family and meeting community. They have the need and the right to decide personally whether to become active members. All Friends should be convinced Friends."

8. A discussion of the need for considering the manner and conduct of funerals for Friends was held with reference to the experience of Hartford Monthly Meeting in such a consideration.

9. The Nominating Committee brought forward the names of Samuel Burgess as Clerk and Herbert Kimball as Recording Clerk for this Meeting, to serve until the close of the session in 1963. The Meeting approved the report and selection of their Friends.

10. The Nominating Committee brought forward the names of Dorothy Averill, Peter Jonitis, and Jeanette Smith to serve on the Worship Committee for the Yearly Meeting sessions in 1963. The Meeting approved the report and selection of these Friends.

11. The following Friends were appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee of New England Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel for the coming year and to report at the session in 1963: Marian Cartland, Edna Haviland, and Margaret Hoag.

12. The minutes of this Meeting were read and approved.

13. The Meeting then adjourned to meet, if in accord with the Divine Will, at the time of Yearly Meeting sessions in 1963.

Mabel G. Bailey Mabel G. Bailey,
Clerk
George T. Little Geo. T. Little,
Recording Clerk

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING ON MINISTRY AND COUNSEL

Ministry and Counsel of New England Yearly Meeting gathered for its annual session at Providence, Rhode Island, at 2 p.m. on 19th day, 6th month, 1962. Mabel G. Bailey, Clerk, read the opening minute and the meeting silently thought and prayed for the world's need for unity in peace.

The names of appointed representatives from Quarterly Meetings were read. Some seventy Friends were present.

The Meeting recorded an expression of appreciation for the lives of Friends who have been active in previous sessions on Ministry and Counsel, suggesting that a note be sent to their families in addition to ~~the~~ memorials presented by the Permanent Board.

Keith Smiley, Clerk of New York Yearly Meeting's Ministry and Counsel, spoke on "The Functions of Ministry and Counsel". He discussed the widest conceivable purposes of ministering and counselling, selecting as primary functions those of nurturing faith both to endure and to let God direct right action, and of aiding in the process of self-discovery.

The Meeting approved of a report by the Continuation Committee which presented several matters of concern:

1. Plans for the uniting of the worship and business sessions at Yearly Meeting, and for the final united worship, in part free and in part programmed, for the last session.
2. Joint sponsorship with Beacon Hill Friends House of a program of "Quaker Dialogues".
3. Visits to the Meetings of Friends in Worcester.
4. A change in the name of the Continuation Committee to that of Interim Committee.

Quarterly Meetings' concerns were received on the matter of the responsibilities of members of Ministry and Counsel and on the matter of Friends' funerals.

Samuel Burgess, Clerk, and Herbert Kimball, Recording Clerk, were nominated and approved to serve for the year ending after the sessions in 1963. The Worship Committee to care for the sessions in 1963 was nominated and approved with Dorothy Averill, Peter Jonitis, and Jeanette Smith as members. The next Nominating Committee for Ministry and Counsel was appointed to consist of Marian Cartland, Edna Haviland, and Margaret Hoag.

The Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m., to meet as permitted in full session in 1963.

Mabel G. Bailey, Clerk

George T. Little, Recording Clerk.

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INTERIM COMMITTEE OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING MINISTRY AND COUNSEL

The Interim Committee of Ministry and Counsel met at Cambridge Friends Center November 9, 1962 at 3:00 p.m. The meeting began with the roll call with 12 present as follows:

Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting - Ellen Paullin
Dover Quarterly Meeting -
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting - Ira Wine, Hattie Cox
Northwest Quarterly Meeting - Nancy Booth, Mary Anne Small
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting - Ruth White
Salem Quarterly Meeting -
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting - Gladys Gifford, Phillip Miller
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting - Melita Fisher
Vassellboro Quarterly Meeting - Leona Stevens
Clerk - Samuel Burgess
Recording Clerk - Herbert Kimball

The roll call was followed by a brief period of silence.

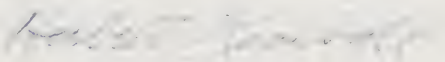
Four members of those present had previously served.

1. The meeting approved asking the clerk to contact all Quarterly Meeting clerks to secure the names of clerks of Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel.
2. It was approved that we begin our session by considering possible plans for our Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel session.
3. It was approved that we center our session at Yearly Meeting on the general subject, Qualifications and Responsibilities of Membership. Concern was expressed that the subject should be related to the new discipline and to the requirements for membership together with the responsibility of Ministry and Counsel in these fields. In our consideration of speakers for the Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel the following were suggested: Wayne Allman, Anna Brinton, Mary Nixie Jones, Henry Cadbury, Alexander Purdy, Floyd Moore. It was decided to contact the Arrangements Committee to find if any of these speakers or other qualified Friends will be available and if they could be shared by Ministry and Counsel. Sam Burgess is to follow this through.
4. Meetings and Extension Committee forwarded a concern for a short course or seminar on the functions of Ministry and Counsel. We approve joining with them in sponsoring such a course. We suggest a two or three day seminar, perhaps on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. It was approved that we have a sub-committee composed of Herbert Kimball and David Curtis. It was suggested that publicity should go out early and "home work" might be assigned in order to prepare for the course.
5. A brief discussion on indifferent membership followed. The need for counsellors for young people changing from associate, "junior", to active membership was also discussed.
6. The question of our next meeting was raised. It was decided to meet at the call of the clerk.
7. The technique of "Quaker Dialogue" was presented. It was noted that Beacon Hill Friends House is carrying on this project.

8. Louis Marstaller brought forward the need of establishing and strengthening local Ministry and Counsel Committees. Members of the Interim Committee are encouraged to study and strengthen local Ministry and Counsel meetings.

9. The meeting adjourned with a period of silence.

Samuel Burgess, Clerk



Herbert Kimball, Recording Clerk

MINUTES

New England Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel

June 18, 1963

Ministry and Counsel of New England Yearly Meeting gathered for its annual session at Pembroke College on June 18, 1963. The meeting opened with a brief period of silence.

The first act of business was the roll call of the representatives.

ROLL CALL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Connecticut Valley

Helen Griffith *

Dover

Falmouth

Marion Cartland *

Frances York *

Virginia Philips *

Herbert Kimball *

Northwest

Henry Williams *

Susan Chambers *

Rhode Island

Marjorie Paylor

Katherine Perry

Salem

Dorothy A verill *

Ruth Mellor *

Chester Smith *

Sandwich

Ida Mesner *

Dorothy Williamson *

Ethel Hathaway *

Alice Hartnett *

Harry Allen

Smithfield

Clayton Grown *

Robert Cool *

Vassalboro

Annabel Cates

Malvena Robbins *

Eva Otis *

Leona Stevens *

The following concern from Rhode Island Quarter was presented.

"We are often at a loss in getting our representatives appointed because of the rotating system of service for members of Ministry and Counsel in some of our Monthly Meetings. It is agreed that we ask the Yearly Meeting for Ministry and Counsel to give this matter some consideration. We feel rotation in Monthly Meetings has much merit but it does make for some confusion in Quarterly and Yearly Meeting sessions, especially since these are open to all members."

It was approved that representatives to Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel may be chosen from those who are now members of Ministry and Counsel or who have recently been members of Ministry and Counsel.

Paul Lacy of Earlham College brought a message on the subject, "The Meaning of Membership".

He presented to us the need for a clear understanding of membership, holding before us the need to lift up our present almost neutral understanding of membership.

He emphasized the fellowship and feeling of community that should be found in the body of members. He led us to consider the importance of standards, pointing out on one hand our fuzzy and unclear standards and theological concepts and on the other, strong expressions of our faith and life in our major testimonies.

He raised for our consideration the point of our seeking. He pointed out how often it is the new members who are seeking.

* Those present.

The need for emphasizing to new members the responsibilities and duties of membership was held before us, an important but often neglected side of our approach to the Meeting.

An interesting and enlightening discussion followed this presentation. It emphasized the need to make membership a time of commitment that opens the doors to new growth.

The following report of the Nominating Committee was approved with the exception of Peter Jonitis who will be unable to serve. It was approved to ask the Nominating Committee to bring in another name to the Ministry and Counsel in Interim Committee.

The Nominating Committee for Ministry and Counsel recommends the following to serve for the year ending after the sessions in 1964:

Clerk: Samuel B. Burgess

Recording Clerk: Herbert Kimball

Worship Committee: Dorothy J. Averill

Helen Burgess

Peter F. Jonitis

/S/ Edna C. Haviland

Margaret S. Hoag

Marian P. Cartland

Nominating Committee for

Ministry and Counsel

Samuel Burgess

Presiding Clerk

Herbert Kimball

Herbert Kimball

Recording Clerk

MINUTES OF MINISTRY AND COUNSEL INQUIRY COMMITTEE

The Inquiry Committee of Ministry and Counsel of the Society of Friends met at Cambridge, November 9, 1963 at 1 p.m. The meeting opened with a brief period of quiet.

1. Roll Call of members.

Conn. Valley	Helen Griffith
Dover	
Falmouth	Ira Wine, Ruth Graham
Northwest	Susan Chambers, Nancy Booth
Rhode Island	Ruth White
Salem	Lydia Willits
Sandwich	Corwin Perisho
Smithfield	Melita Fisher
Vassalboro	Eva Otis, Edna Cates
Clerk	Samuel Burgess
Recording Clerk	Herbert Kimball

2. Marian Jessel was asked to be a member of the committee to plan the annual training service at Yearly Meeting in 1964. She declined.

3. Herbert Kimball presented the tentative plans which had been discussed by Meetings and Extension Committee for a retreat at Woolman Hill, April 3-5, 1964. After considerable discussion Ministry and Counsel approved the general outline and appointed Lydia Willets and Nancy Booth to represent Ministry and Counsel in working out the details of the conference. The theme of the conference is the meaning of membership and the purpose of the Society of Friends.

4. Ministry and Counsel turned its attention to the Tuesday sessions at Yearly Meeting for 1964. It was decided to carry the emphasis of the April retreat into the Tuesday sessions. Emphasis is to be given primarily to the purpose of the Society of Friends. It was felt that both the afternoon session of Ministry and Counsel and the opening evening session of the Yearly Meeting should be times of inspiration and uplift and properly conducted may set the tone for the Yearly Meeting. It was decided to ask George Selleck to present on Tuesday afternoon a brief introduction on the purpose of the Society of Friends which would lay before the group gathered there basic questions in relation to the nature of its purpose. This was to be followed by general discussion which George Selleck would moderate. George Selleck accepted.

5. Turning to the evening sessions of Tuesday at Yearly Meeting, the first session of Yearly Meeting, it was decided to carry the same theme on into the evening session. The following speakers were approved and will be asked in this order. Harold Chance, first choice; John Oliver Nelson, Floyd Moore, Ira Reed, Alexander Furdy. The speaker is to speak on the subject, The Purpose of the Society of Friends. The meeting will open with about one half hour of unprogrammed worship and it is hoped the speaker will speak out of the silence.

6. Helen Griffith and Ernest Weed were appointed to be a nominating committee for Ministry and Counsel to bring in the names of a clerk and a recording clerk of Ministry and Counsel at the annual session held at Yearly Meeting.

7. After discussion it was approved that Ministry and Counsel should be responsible for a worship workshop at Yearly Meeting. Discussion centered around the theme of the workshop. The title was given as The Subject, Functions of Ministry and Counsel, Counseling within the Framework of Ministry and Counsel, Deepening the Spiritual Life, Purpose of Ministry and Counsel. It was decided to turn the question of the title and theme of the workshop as well as arrangements of its schedule to a committee. The committee is composed of Corwin Perisho, Helen Griffith, and Susan Chambers.

Clerk, Sam Burgess
Recording Clerk, Herbert Kimball

